

Thankfulness and the Holy Spirit

1 Thess. 5:18-19

A. Leadership.

B. Special Needs. *1 Th 5:14*

1. The Unruly. *warn*
2. The Feeble-minded. *comfort*
3. The Weak. *support*
4. All men. *be patient*

C. Relationships & Issues (15-21)

1. Offensive people. *1 Th 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man;*
2. Circumstances. *1 Th 5:16 Rejoice evermore.*
3. God *1 Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.*
4. Situations *1 Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks:*

Prayer and thanksgiving put together:

Dan. 6:10; Eph 1:16; Phil 4:6; Col 1:3; Col 4:2; 1 Tim 2:1

The ungodly --unthankful spirit—a spirit of ingratitude.

2 Tim 3:2; Rom 1:21; Psa 100:4; Col 1:12; Col 3:15

In everything give thanks. Not, for everything or because of everything ...

But, in midst of circumstances have thankful spirit toward God

Col 3:15 Psa 107:22

Why give thanks in midst of crisis? Rom 8:28

God is orchestrating trials & projects we need to complete in order to be like His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Joseph's brothers selling him to the Ishmaelite merchantmen-- Gen 50:20 ...ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, ...

Job 23:10 Psa 119:67 2 Cor 4:17 Heb 12:11 1 Th 5:1-18

5. The Holy Spirit *1 Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.*

A person, 3rd person of trinity, God the Spirit,
Purpose?

John 15:26 *he shall testify of me:*

John 16:7-8 ...*reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

John 16:13 -14 ... *guide you into all truth....* . 14 *He shall glorify me:*

How get Holy Spirit?

1 Cor 3:16 1 Cor 6:19-20 Rom 8:11

The moment I received Christ the Holy Spirit:

- Regenerated me: Titus 3:5
- Sealed me: Eph 1:13 Eph 4:30
- Baptized me into the body of Christ. 1 Cor 12:13
- Indwelt me. 1 Cor 3.16,17

Now Holy Spirit desires to:

- Control & use me for God's glory. Eph 5:18
- Produce fruit in me: Gal 5:22 -23

Fears--Grieve or Quench the Holy Spirit—out of fellowship with Lord. Eph 4:30

1 Th 5:19 *Quench not the Spirit.* Picture of Spirit of God as fire. Fire speaks of

power, light, purity, zeal, warmth,

Zeal, purity, light, warmth.

Quench: extinguish, put out holy fire & fervency

Know that Spirit quenched when

- ◆ Godly impulses and desires become squelched.
- ◆ When fervency for things of Lord becomes dull.
- ◆ When become apathetic toward spiritual things.

How?

Disobeying Word of God — sinning

Not obeying promptings of Holy Spirit

Not feeding flames of spiritual nature

Feeding desires of flesh.

Gal 5:16-21